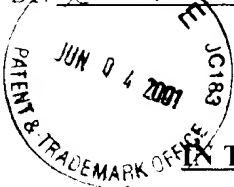


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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to and including June 6, 2001, for responding to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2000. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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